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## AMERICAN FLEETS PUT ON WAR BASIS

Atlantic and Pacific Forces Consolidated as a Preparedness Measure.

### READY FOR EMERGENCY

Admiral H. P. Jones in Command—Vice-Admiral Eberle Has Battle Unit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Consolidation of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets into the United States fleet, with Admiral H. P. Jones in supreme command and Vice-Admiral E. W. Eberle as commander in chief of the battle fleet unit, was announced to-night by the Navy Department.

The reorganization, the department said, involved no change in any present assignment of ships or navy personnel, but was chiefly for the purpose of effecting a peace time organization that could be carried into war emergency without change.

Under the new plan the United States fleet will consist of the battle fleet, composed of the main fighting strength of the navy prepared to engage an enemy fleet; the scouting fleet, the duty of which would be to locate the enemy preparatory to engagement of the battle fleet; the control force, organized to exercise control of the sea after this had been obtained by action of the battle fleet, and the fleet base force, intended to support the operations of the fighting forces.

In explanation of the purposes of the reorganization, the Navy Department made the following statement:

"It facilitates passing from peace to war conditions, thereby saving time at the beginning of the war when time is vital."

"It allows the various units to be trained in peace for the duties which they must perform in war, and gives officers who are to command during the war."

"It places the whole fleet under the command of the officer who is to command it in time of war and gives him and the officers in command of the major units opportunity to gain necessary experience in command and in making plans to carry out their assigned tasks."

"It creates an organized fighting force which has only to be expanded in emergency to be ready for any campaign."

The battle fleet will be composed of battleship divisions under a Vice-Admiral, light cruiser divisions, destroyer squadrons, aircraft squadrons and submarine divisions as may be assigned.

The scouting fleet will be under command of Vice-Admiral J. D. McDonald, and will be composed of battleship divisions, light cruiser divisions, destroyer squadrons, aircraft squadrons, submarine divisions and train.

The control force will be under command of a Rear Admiral to be assigned as the relief of Rear Admiral N. A. McCully, just ordered as president of board of inspection and survey, and will be composed of cruiser divisions, destroyer squadrons and mine squadrons.

The fleet base force will be under command of Rear Admiral J. V. Chase, and will be composed of mine squadrons, destroyer squadrons, aircraft squadrons and train.

### WIRELESS FROM PLANE DIRECTS FIRE FIGHTERS

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
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New York Herald Bureau, 1  
Paris, Dec. 7.

Five fighting with the cooperation of an airplane, giving directions by wireless, was successful here to-day when fire broke out in the upper stories of a building near the Arc de Triomphe.

An airplane equipped with a wireless outfit hovered over the blazing building, the observer keeping the firemen informed as to the progress of the flames and enabling a quicker transfer of water streams to vital points. He reported that the roof was about to fall in more than ten minutes before it happened, and gave the location of an explosion of several tons of acetylene paint which necessitated clearing out the occupants of an adjoining building.

## WIFE TELLS THRILLS OF CRUISE ON SPEEJACKS

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There she got under her own power and from that time on for more than fifteen months she cruised without assistance.

Nothing unusual occurred at Tahiti and the party sailed on soon to the Samoan Islands and to the Fiji Islands, where adventure, real, thrilling and satisfying, began. There they met, immediately, Ratusa Eppell, a huge black man, who wore a garb somewhat similar to that affected by Gunga Din.

And he was very proud of his great stock of kinky black hair.

Eppell, it developed, was a graduate of Oxford and came back to live among his own people. He was the son of the old King of the Fijis, and his father had been a cannibal.

"He was awfully proud of that," Mrs. Gowen said as she told of her friendship with this man. "He was chief of the island, and while the party was in his care they were given the benefit of every savage courtesy of the island."

"Once we went inland and were traveling in native canoes, which persisted in turning over now and then," she said. "We were fearfully drenched. Eppell didn't mind our baggage or anything of that kind, but kept his hair dry all the time. He was awfully proud of that hair."

Shortly after Christmas they left for New Caledonia, despite advice not to go. Hurricane winds were given them by every person they talked to. They did touch the tail of a hurricane, but weathered it. New Caledonia is about 1,000 miles from Australia, and they paid it only a brief visit, going on to Sydney, where they received a royal welcome from the Sydney Yacht Club and others.

### Trade With Island Natives.

There Mrs. Gowen had an opportunity to spend several weeks with "white folks." On every hand they were entertained, and she had time to recuperate somewhat from the arduous voyage behind.

But not for long. After a few weeks they journeyed up the Australian coast as far as Cooktown, where they learned their mail connections had missed and they would get no letters and papers from home for many months. They sailed around the southern coast of New Guinea and made for the Savage Solomons. In reaching there they had to pass through a group of islands, the Trobriand, uncharted and untraveled. The little boat ran on a reef and broke a propeller.

"They went on the Solomon Islands and traded with the natives. The trading parties consisted of armed guards meeting in an open field."

"Mrs. Gowen was terribly disappointed," Commodore Gowen said, "because some of the cannibals failed to carry her off. She wanted to be rescued and all that sort of thing."

In retaliation Mrs. Gowen told a story of her husband taking a picture of a native sword dance.

"He was calmly looking through the finder," she said, "when all of a sudden the natives made in his direction, with their javelins raised. The next thing I knew he was standing behind me and the natives broke up their dance and broke down laughing."

Mr. Gowen proceeded to protest, but she continued with her narrative.

### No Fear of Savages.

Her impressions of the savage people in the Solomon Islands, where are said to dwell the fiercest head hunters in the world, have nothing of fear or horror connected with them. As a matter of fact, she believes these savages could teach their white mentors a great deal.

The party got many motion pictures of them and the savages were pleased to pose for them.

They visited the Hermit and Admiralty Islands and the others of that group, which lie to the north of New Guinea. The gasoline supply went low and they found themselves in Humboldt Bay with a threatened shortage of fuel.

"Providence somehow seemed to keep a hand on us," Mr. Gowen said, "because we managed to get to Ambogna with only a couple of gallons left. The seas were smiling all the way, else we likely would have been stranded there and forced to call for help."

They visited Macassar and the Celebes

Islands, which they found more rugged than the hills of Borneo. Throughout, however, they were treated kindly by the natives and at no time had occasion for fear.

Down to Bali, where the little native girls staged a queer, traditional dance for them, and on to picturesque Java, where the Speejaaks went into drydock to have her propeller repaired, some plates fixed on her hull and to be overhauled.

### Delighted With Java.

"I was glad almost that she had trouble," Mrs. Gowen said, "because we had a chance to tour some there. Java is beautiful. All my dreams of it were true and more. It began to pay up for all the homesickness and seasickness and hardship of the travels up to that time."

Then they went to Singapore—that strange port filled with romance and riches and Chinese—and were entertained in royal style by yellow millionaires whose wives wore jewels that almost dazzled the sun.

"Never have I seen such jewels. It was like a story book, all these riches. Everybody the party met in Singapore had diamonds. We seemed the only really poor people in the place," said Mr. Gowen.

The party were fined by millionaires Chinese magistrates, whose palaces rivalled anything in story. Solid gold plate and glass of the finest crystal—ivory and precious stones from the Far East—all the gaudiness and richness of fabled wealth.

"We had to hurry on, though—that was one of the big drawbacks in the trip," Mrs. Gowen said. "But there were so many beautiful palaces. Living here in America, we imagine we have seen almost all of greatness and wealth, and splendor there is to see. But, you have no idea of the wonderful things that unfolded to our eyes as though they had just been lifted from the pages of a beautifully colored book."

They went to Sumatra for a short stay, after which they attempted to go to Ceylon, but ran into a changed moon and heavy head winds and were unable to make the trip. Mr. and Mrs. Gowen did go, however, in another vessel and joined the Speejaaks at Batavia, the Island of Szechelles. Then they went to Aden, Arabia.

"I wish I had hours to tell you of Aden," she said, "it seemed as if we were living through the chapters of the Arabian Nights. We were invited to an Arabian wedding, and if I should tell you of the wonders, the mystery and the weirdness of it you wouldn't believe me."

"The Arabs believe that Aden was originally the garden of Eden, and that Eden is now underneath. They showed us where Cain's grave was. They even showed us where the Queen of Sheba used to bathe."

"There was no flower nor shrub in Aden. It seemed that the houses just sprung from the hills. Every foot of the place was filled with legends, which the natives were eager to impart for a price. It was a most picturesque place and I shall long remember it."

Painted at the Wheel.

The Speejaaks headed toward the Red Sea. In telling of this passage Mrs. Gowen shuddered.

"I believe I know now where Dante got inspiration for his 'Inferno,'" she said.

"It was deathly hot and stormy, and sometimes we could not make more than one mile an hour. It was there that I fainted at the wheel, because I always stood my share of the watch. I had to be relieved of duty until we reached Alexandria."

"I love Alexandria and Cairo. We got white camels and rode into the desert, far past the pyramids. It was gay in Alexandria and we met many famous people. We were guests at a big dinner at the Hotel San Stefano and regretted when time came for us to leave."

"We went to Athens, and within a day and a half of port we ran into a storm and had to put into the Island of Crete for shelter. Crete is a horrible place. We were there for three interminable days. Then we got to Athens, after the storm, in time to see thousands of refugees from Smyrna coming in. We were there too when Constantine abdicated."

"Did I show you the pictures of Constantine's guard? Oh, they were the most wonderful looking men I ever saw."

## CHRISTMAS CLUBS YIELD \$190,000,000

Start Distribution of Money Saved to Be Spent on Holiday Presents.

\$13,486,630 IN THE CITY

5,000,000 Persons Are to Have Their Share of Fund by Sunday.

Christmas clubs in 5,000 of the banking institutions of the United States began the distribution yesterday of \$190,000,000, which has been saved by depositors during the last year. The distribution will be completed by about December 10, at which time the fund will have been turned over to the 5,000,000 people who have been putting their money into these clubs so they would be certain to have something to spend for Christmas.

New York city's part in the fund will approximate \$13,486,630, an average of about \$2. The rest of New York State will get more than \$17,000,000 and New Jersey's share will be more than \$14,000,000. The total for the two States will be about one-fourth of the entire amount. The savings this year through the Christmas clubs were about \$30,000,000 more than last year and about \$75,000,000 more than 1920, when there were only about 3,000,000 club members.

The first Christmas Club was started fifteen years ago by a cashier of a bank in Carlisle, Pa., who continued the work several years before it was taken up elsewhere. In 1910 Herbert F. Rawl, now president of the Christmas Club of 51 Chambers street, developed the plan and installed clubs in various banking institutions. Despite the fact that the banks in New York pay no interest on such deposits the idea has grown tremendously.

## Air Fatalities Cut to 65 in U. S. Service in Year

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.  
FATALITIES in the last year in the air service of the army, the navy and the marines totaled sixty-five, including six in the crash at Langley Field yesterday. There were forty-six in the army, eleven in the navy and eight in the marines.

The total since January 1, 1922, shows a considerable decrease from the preceding year, when the army air service had 71 and the marines 50 per cent. more.

Almost all accidents this year were described as unavoidable, with few said to have been caused by faulty material in planes or engines or defective designs.

## GEN. WOOD TO REMAIN IN THE PHILIPPINES

Will Not Become Provost of University of Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Major-General Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, has decided to remain at his present post and not to accept the offer made by the University of Pennsylvania to be the provost of that institution, according to information received here to-day by Administration officials.

War Department officials declined to make formal announcement of Gen. Wood's decision, but it was said in Secretary Weeks's office that an announcement probably would be made to-morrow.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—The information from Washington that Gen. Leonard Wood had decided not to become the head of the University of Pennsylvania was received with surprise by university authorities. The General was expected here early next year.

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